of Water Resources has launched a Pilot Scheme "National Project for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture" at an estimated total cost of Rs. 300 crores to be implemented by states during the remaining period of the X Five Year Plan. The objectives of the scheme are to restore and augment the storage capacities of selected water bodies in the pilot districts and to recover and extend their lost irrigation potential.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification of the Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I lay on the Table under sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Central Excise Act, 1944, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification G.S.R. 268 (E), dated the 3rd May, 2005, exempting cotton yarn in various forms falling under Chapter 52 of the Central Excise Tarrif Act, 1985, removed from one factory to another for the purpose of processing during the period starting from the 1" July, 2001 and ending on the 24* March, 2003, together with an Explanatory Memorandum on the Notification. [Placed in Library, *See* No. LT.2444/05]

Report and Accounts (2003-04) of Brahmaputra Board and related papers

2. THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYA RAJAN DASMUNSI): Sir, I lay on the Table:

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under section 21 of the Brahmaputra Board Act, 1980:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Brahmaputra Board, for the year 2003-2004, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

II. Statement (in English and Hinid) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.